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1. at the aircraft factory in Poltava [REDACTED] Comment: Aircraft 25X1A  
Factory No. 488) at present there are 8,000 workers. During 1947,  
most of the old machinery was replaced with new equipment brought  
from Germany and Poland. The archives of the construction section  
of the Junkers factory in Poznan were completely moved to Poltava  
and are being used in the construction of prototypes. In the  
Poltava factories there are at present fifteen German engineers  
and technicians, among whom are Dr. L. Sobrek from Junkers, Dessau.
  2. Since November 1947, the Poltava plant has begun the assembly line  
production of airplane type "Peklo". This is a long-distance  
pursuit plane which is 13.1 meters long and has a 7.25 meter  
wingspread. Its armament consists of six 15 mm machine guns of Czech-  
oslovak manufacture. Its maximum speed is 350 km and it uses a  
jet motor.
  3. This plane was demonstrated for the first time on 7 February 1947  
in Moscow. Previously, trial flights were held in airfields at  
Kiev and Isnorad (reported to be south of Klarkov).
  4. One of the first larger units to receive this plane was the "Rostov"  
pursuit division or squadron, at present stationed at the large  
Soviet Air Force training center at Kazan. It is being used to  
accustom the pilots to the use of this new equipment. Other Soviet  
Air Force units are receiving this type of plane as it becomes  
available.
  5. Experiments conducted with a long-range bomber, type "Stepanik",  
did not give the expected results. These flights were conducted  
at the airfield in Kazan.

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